

Philip Stretch

Shortlay after the accession of Edward II, Walter de Langton, bishop of Coventry, Lichfield and Chester, and treasurer of England, was arrested, and a detailed inquiry was made into the state of his financial affairs. It is evident from the records of his trial that he had allowed an immense part of his revenues to remain uncollected, and the Cheshire plea rolls give evidence of the extent of the arrears in the county, and the authorities efforts to recover them.

The bishop had been in the habit of farming out the collection of tithes to local individuals (see TITHES), and although the nature of the debts is not specified here, many may have arisen in this way.

Philip Stretch was in the unusual position of being both one of the debtors and being the bishop's bailiff responsible for receiving the moneys on the part of the bishop. The sheriff himself questioned whether Philip was actually the bishop's bailiff, and ordered that he be summoned to prove himself.

£10 was due from William de Wistaston clerk, William de Coton, Hamon de Wistaston, Thomas Clerk of Wybunbury and Philip Stretch; £10 3s 4d from William de Cotton, Richard de Minshull, Roger de Bulkeley, William de Wistaston clerk and Philip Stretch. The names of these debtors strongly suggest that the moneys due related to the tithes of Wistaston and Wybunbury, as above under Adam de Kelsall.

22:187: 25 November 1309

Prec' fuit vic', q'd de t'ris & catallis Ric'i Freend, Ric'i de Wrennebur' Thome de Wlfhull & Ran' de Crue fieri fac'et sex libras. Et de t'ris & catall' Joh'is del Heth Thome de Wheloc & Will'i Byle fieri fac'et sex libras. Et de t'ris & catall' Ric'i de Wistaneston' Thome Monnyng Hug' de Fough' & Thom' de Wibbenbur' octo libras. Et de t'ris & catall' Will'i de Wistaneston' Cl'ici Will'i de Coton'. Ham' de Wistaneston'. Thom' Cl'ici de Wibbenbur' & Ph'i Strech decem libras. Et de t'ris & cat' Ric'i de Cawarthyn, Joh'is de Hunsterton' & Will'i filii Rob'ti de Praers sex libras. Et de t'ris & catall' Thome de Winnenbur' Cl'ici, Will'i de Wistaneston' Cl'ici Joh'is de Dodynton' & Ham' de Wistaneston' q^atuor marcas. Et de t'ris & catall' Joh'is de Dodynton', Will'i de Coton' & Thom' Cl'ici de Wibbenbur' viginti solidos. Et de t'ris & catall' Will'i de Coton' Ric'i de Munshull Rogeri de Bulkylegh' Will'i de Wistaneston' Cl'ici & Ph'i Strech fieri fac'et decem libras tresdecim solid' & q^atuor den' Et de t'ris & catall' Ade de Copenhale Hug' de Fougleshurst Will'i filii Ric'i de Pulle Joh'is de Dodynton' Ham' de Wistaneston' & Ric'i de ead' fieri fac'et vndecim libras & qⁱnq' solid'. Ita q'd den' illos h'et ad hu'c Com' ad reddend' Waltero de Langeton' Couentr' & Lych' Ep'o &c'. Et vic' nich' inde fecit s' mandavit q'd cepit in manu' d'ni R^s de bonis & cat' p'd'cor Ric'i & alior ad valenc' p'd'cor den' ad que emenda no'dum inuenit emptores. I'o p'c' e' vic' q'd bona & cat' p'd'ci Ric'i & alior vendic'oi exponat & den' quos inde leuau'it, h'eat ad px'm Com' ad reddend' p'd'co Ep'o &c'.

22:232: 30 December 1309

*Preceptu' fuit vic'. q'd bona & catall' Ric'i Freend. Ric'i de Wrennebur'. Thom' de Wolfhull & Ran' de Crewe. ad valencia' sex libr'. Et q'd bona & catall' Joh'is del Heth'. Thom' de Qwhelock & Will'i Bile ad valenc' sex libr'*²²⁷

22:411: 17 February 1310

p^r

Preceptu' fuit vic' q'd bona & cat' Ric'i Frend Ric'i de Webynbur' Th'm de Wolfhal & Ran' de Crewe ad val' .vj.li'. Et q'd bona & cat' Joh'is del Hogh' Th'm de Whelok & Will'i Betle ad val' .vj. li' Et q'd bona & cat' Ric'i de Wystanston Th'm Monnyg Hug' de Fouleshurst & Th'm de Wybbynbur' ad val' .viij. li' Et q'd bona & cat' Will'i de Wystanston Cl'ici Will'i de Cotoun Hamonis de Wystanston Th'm Cl'ici de Wybbenbur' & Philippi Strech' ad val' .x.li'. Et q'd bona & cat' Ric'i de Cawarthyn Joh'i de Hunsterston & Will'i fil' Rob'ti de Praers ad val' .vj.li', Et q'd bona & cat' Th'm de Wybbenbur' Cl'ici Will'i de Wystanston Cl'ici, Joh'is de Dodyngton & Hamon' de Wistanston ad val' .iiij. Marc' Et q'd bona & cat' Joh'is de Dodyngton Will'i de Cotoun & Th'm Cl'ici de Wybbenbur' ad val' .xx.s'. Et q'd bona & cat' Will'i de Cotoun Ric'i de Manschul Rog'i de Bulkelegh', Will'i Cl'ici & Philippi Strech' ad val' .x.li'.xiiij.s'.iiij.d'. Et q'd bona & cat' Ad' de Copenhale Hug' de Fouleshurst Will'i fil' Ric'i de Pulle Joh'is de Dodyngton, Hamon' de Wystanston & Ric'i de Wystanston ad val' .xj.li'. & v.s', prius in manu' d'ni Reg^s p Rob'tm de Bulkelegh' nup vic' seisitar vendic'oi exponet Et q'd de terr' & cat' Hug' de Fouleshurst Nich'i Craddok Rob'ti fil' Mag'ri Will'i Matheu Jun', Ric'i de Wystanston Hamon' de Wystanston Joh'is de Dodyngton & Ad' le Parkere de Copenhale fieri fac'et xxij.li'.x.s'. Et q'd de terr' & cat' Will'i fil' Will'i atte Valle & Will'i Mariot fieri fac' .viij.li'.xiiij.s'.iiij.d' quos quide' den' cor' Rob'to de Holand nup Justic' Cestr' cognou' se debere Walt'o de Langeton' Couentr' & Lych' Ep'o & quos ei soluisse debuer' &c' & ei nondu' &c' Ita q'd den' illos h'et ad hu'c Com' ad redd' &c', Et vic' modo mand' q'd +o'ia+ bona & cat' p'd'cor Ric'i Frend & o'im alior p't' q'm Will'i de Wystanston Cl'ici Will'i de Cotoun Hamon' de Wystanston Th'm Cl'ici de Wybbenbur' & Philippi Streche ad val' .x.li'. vendic'oi exposuit & den' quos inde leuauit sim'l cu' bonis & cat' p'd'cor Will'i de Wystanston Cl'ici Will'i de Cotoun Hamon' de Wystanston Th'm Cl'ici de Wybbenbur' & Philippi Streche ad val' .x. li' cuid'm Philippo Strech' Balli'o p'd'ci Ep'i de Wybbenbur' lib'auit, Et q'd de bonis & cat' Hug' de Fouleshurst Nich'i Craddok Rob'ti fil' Mag'ri. & alior cepit in manu' d'ni reg^s ad valenc' .x.s'. ad que emend' nondum inue'it emptores &c' Et q'd +p'd'ci+ Will's fil' Will'i atte valle ++ Will's Mariot nichil h'nt in balli'a sua vn' aliqui den' fieri possint Et quia id'm vic' testat' q'd p'd'cos den' lib'auit cuid'm Philippo balli'o p'd'ci Ep'i, nec constat Cur' vtru' id'm Philippus sit atorn' p'd'ci Ep'i ad p'd'cos den' recipiend' seu potestate' h'eat ad aquiet' faciend', Precept' est vic' q'd ve'ire fac' p'd'cm Philipp' ad px'm Com', C'nsur' quo Warr' p'd'cos den' recepit & ad h'nd' ibi p'd'cos den' soluend' gen'ali atorn' p'd'ci Ep'i si inde Warr' no' h'eat, & ad aquiet' om's illos de quib' hi's den' leuant', & ecia' vic' u'sus p'd'cm Ep'm & alios quoscu'q', Et q'd bona & cat' d'cor Hug' Nich'i Rob'to Will'i Ric'i Hamon' Joh'is & Ad' ad val' .C.s'. p'us in manu' d'ni reg^s seisitar vendic'oi exponat Et tam de ill' q'm de aliis bonis & cat' p'd'cor Hug' & alior fieri fac' .xxij.li'.x.s'. Ita q'd den' illos h'eat ad px'm Com' & p'd'co Ep'o soluend', Et q'd de terr' & cat' p'd'cor Will'i fil' Will'i atte valle & Will'i Mariot, fieri fac' viij.li'.xiiij.s'.iiij.den'. Ita q'd illos h'eat ad px'm Com' &c', Et testat' est &c'

22:1080: 19 Decenber 1309

Br'e pro debi^s Ep'i Cestr' leua'd' ad secta' Reg^s

Rex Mandauit br' suu' . Justic' Cestr' in hec verba Edwardus die gr'a Rex Angl' D'ns Hib' & Dux Aquit' dil'to & fideli suo Pagano Tibotot Justic' suo Cestr' sal'tm

²²⁷ text breaks off here

Mandam^s vob' q'd tam de illis bonis & cat' Th'm Monnyng ad valencia' .x.lj'. Ranulphi de Stapel'gh ad valencia' .C. solid' Rob'ti Bernard ad valencia'.v. marc' Thome Cl'ici de Wybbenbur' ad val' .xl.s'. Ric'i de Wistanston' ad val' .C.s'. Ric'i del Hogh' & Hugon' del Schawe ad val' .lx.s'. Ric'i frend ad val' .x. m^arc' Hugon' de Godewyneslegh' ad val' .xiiij.s'.iiij.d' que vic' Cestr' nup in manu' n'ram cepit prout nob' constat p^ret^rnu' Rob'ti de Holand nup Justic' Cestr', q^am de aliis bonis & cat' eord'm in balli'a v'ra fieri faciat^s denar' subscⁱptos, videl' de Thoma Monnyng .xxx.lj'. de Ranulpho de stapelegh' .xviij. m^arc' De Rob'to Bernard .xij.li'.vj.s'.viij.d'. de Th'm Cl'ico de Wibbenbur' .lxx.s', de Ric'o de Wistanston' .x.li'.x.s'. de Ric'o del Hogh' & Hug' del Schawe .vj.li'.vj.s'.viij.d'. de Ric'o Freend .xxij.li'. de Hugone de Godewyneslegh' .xxvj.s' Et de illis bonis & cat' Ric'i del Heth'. que pred'cus vic' p^rid'm Mandatu' n'rm in manu' n'ram cepit ad val' .xxxiiij.s'.iiij.d'. in ead'm balli'a tua fieri faciat^s denar' p^rd'cos, Mandam^s & vob' q'd de terr^s & cat^s o'im subscⁱptor in ead'm balli'a tua fieri fac' denar' subscⁱptos videl' de de²²⁸ Ric'o le Mareschal .Lx.s'. de Rob'to fil' Will'i de Praers .vij.lj'.xiiij.s'.iiij.d' de eod'm Rob'to .ix.li'.xiiij.s'.iiij.d'. de Ad' fil' Will'i de Praers .lx.s'. de eod'm .xv.s'. de Will'o fil' Houa de Byrchou^r .C.xiiij.s'.iiij.d'. que debita p^rscⁱpt' debit' Walt'o Couentr' & Lich' Ep'o nup Thes' Angl' cui^s terr' & ten' bona & cat' sim'l cu' debit^s suis quib^scu'q' ex c^rtis causis capi fecim^s in manu' n'ram & adhuc eisd'm decausis on manu n'ra existu't, prout nob' constat p^r inspectione' rotulor de scc^aio n'ro ita q'd denar' illos h'eas ad id'm scc^am n'rm apud Westm' in C^astino Purific' b'e Marie²²⁹ iux^a ordinac'oem n'ram ibidem soluend' Prouiso tamen q'd si aliqⁱs debitor p^rd'cor ostend' aquiet' p^r quas euiden^r vob' possit constare p^rfato Ep'o de debit^s p^rd'cis in toto u'l in p^rte ante capc'oem p^rd'cam fuisse satisf'cm tu'c supseadeat^s leuac'oi de hoc q'd vob' consti^tit sic inde prius fuisse solutu' Et illis qui sic' acquietanc' ostend^rint p^rfigat^s diem essend cor' Thes' & Baronib^s de scc^aio p^rd'co apud Westm' ad diem p^rd'cm cu' acquietanc' suis p^rd'cis ad recipiend' inde q'd iusticia suadebit Et remittat^s tu'c ibi hoc br'e .T'. T. de Cantebr' apud Westm' .xix. die Decembr' anno .r'.n'.t^rcio²³⁰ p^r .Ro^m. memor' de anno pⁱmo

²²⁸ sic

²²⁹ Tuesday 3 February 1310

²³⁰ Friday 19 December 1309